

**HOUSE . . . . . No. 3586****The Commonwealth of Massachusetts**

PRESENTED BY:

**Ruth B. Balser***To the Honorable Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts in General Court assembled:*

The undersigned legislators and/or citizens respectfully petition for the passage of the accompanying bill:

An Act for coordination of children's mental health care services

PETITION OF:

NAME:	DISTRICT/ADDRESS:
Ruth B. Balser	12th Middlesex
Paul J. Donato	35th Middlesex
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Peter v. Kocot	1st Hampshire
Thomas A. Golden, Jr.	16th Middlesex
Elizabeth A. Malia	11th Suffolk
William N. Brownsberger	24th Middlesex
Frank I. Smizik	15th Norfolk
Ellen Story	3rd Hampshire
John W. Scibak	2nd Hampshire
Tom Sannicandro	7th Middlesex
Bill Bowles	2nd Bristol
John A. Hart, Jr.	First Suffolk
Danielle W. Gregoire	4th Middlesex
Pam Richardson	6th Middlesex
Sarah K. Peake	4th Barnstable

Kay Khan	11th Middlesex
Thomas P. Conroy	13th Middlesex
James J. O'Day	14th Worcester District
Martha M. Walz	8th Suffolk
Susan C. Tucker	Second Essex and Middlesex
Alice K. Wolf	25th Middlesex
Jonathan Hecht	29th Middlesex
James B. Eldridge	Middlesex and Worcester
Angelo M. Scaccia	14th Suffolk
David P. Linsky	5th Middlesex
Susan C. Fargo	Third Middlesex
Linda Dorcena Forry	12th Suffolk
Steven J. D'Amico	4th Bristol
Peter J. Koutoujian	10th Middlesex
Robert P. Spellane	13th Worcester
Steven A. Tolman	Second Suffolk and Middlesex
Anthony D. Galluccio	Middlesex, Suffolk and Essex
Frederick E. Berry	Second Essex
Jeffrey Sánchez	15th Suffolk
Denise Provost	27th Middlesex
Sonia Chang-Díaz	Second Suffolk
Joan M. Menard	First Bristol and Plymouth
Marian Walsh	Suffolk and Norfolk
Anne M. Gobi	5th Worcester
Geraldine Creedon	11th Plymouth
Sean Garballey	23rd Middlesex
William G. Greene, Jr.	22nd Middlesex
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Jennifer M. Callahan	18th Worcester
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# The Commonwealth of Massachusetts

In the Year Two Thousand and Nine

## AN ACT FOR COORDINATION OF CHILDREN'S MENTAL HEALTH CARE SERVICES.

*Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Court assembled, and by the authority of the same, as follows:*

1           SECTION 1. Subsection (g) of section 22 of chapter 32A of the General Laws, as  
2     appearing in the 2006 Official Edition, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “setting” in  
3     the first sentence, the following words: — and for children and adolescents under the age of 19,  
4     shall include any and all collateral services.

5           SECTION 2. Subsection (i) of said section 22 of said chapter 32A, as so appearing, is  
6     hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

7           Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic  
8     consultation, of at least 15 minutes in duration, by a licensed mental health professional with  
9     parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a  
10    diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

11          SECTION 3. Chapter 118E, as so appearing, is amended by inserting after section 10F  
12    the following section:—

13          Section 10G. The division shall provide coverage for collateral services performed by a  
14    licensed mental health professional for persons under 19 years of age. Nothing contained in this  
15    section shall be construed to abrogate any obligation to provide coverage for mental health  
16    services pursuant to any law or regulation of the commonwealth or the United States or under the  
17    terms or provisions of any policy, contract, or certificate.

18          Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic consultation, of at  
19    least 15 minutes in duration, by a licensed mental health professional with parties determined by  
20    the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a diagnosis, and develop and  
21    implement a treatment plan.

22          Under this section, “licensed mental health professional” shall mean a licensed physician who

specializes in the practice of psychiatry, a licensed psychologist, a licensed independent clinical social worker, a licensed mental health counselor, or a licensed nurse mental health clinical specialist.

SECTION 4. Subsection (g) of section 47B of chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence, the following words: — and for children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

SECTION 5. Subsection (i) of said section 47B of said chapter 175, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic consultation, for at least 15 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

SECTION 6. Subsection (g) of section 8A of chapter 176A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence the following words: - and for children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

SECTION 7. Subsection (i) of said section 8A of said chapter 176A, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic consultation, of at least 15 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

SECTION 8. Subsection (g) of section 4A of chapter 176B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence the following words:-and for children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

SECTION 9. Subsection (i) of said section 4A of said chapter 176B, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic consultation, of at least 15 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.

SECTION 10. Subsection (g) of section 4M of chapter 176G, as so appearing, is hereby amended by inserting after the word “setting” in the first sentence the following words:-and for children and adolescents under the age of 19, shall include any and all collateral services.

56           SECTION 11. Subsection (i) of said section 4M of said chapter 176G, as so appearing, is  
57 hereby amended by inserting after the first paragraph the following paragraph:—

58           Under this section, “collateral services” shall mean face-to-face or telephonic  
59 consultation, of at least 15 minutes of duration, by a licensed mental health professional with  
60 parties determined by the licensed mental health professional to be necessary to make a  
61 diagnosis, and develop and implement a treatment plan.